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SUBJECT: FRG/GDR RELATIONS

1. CDU PARTY OFFICIAL AND LOWER SAXONY FINANCE MINISTER KIEP
(WHO IS CLOSE TO KOHL) WILL BE MAKING A SHORT, "PRIVATE" VISIT TO GDR
AMY 19-20, ACCORDING TO FRG PERMREP DEPUTY CHIEF
BRAUTIGAM. THE VISIT, ACCORDING TO BRAUTIGAM, IS AT
KEIP'S INITIATIVE, AND EAST GERMANS WERE QUICK TO
FACILITATE IT. KIEP ASKED TO SEE SED POLITBURO EMEMBER
AXEN, BUT WAS TOLD HE WAS BUSY. INSTEAD, EAST BERMANS
PROPOSED AND KIEP ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER FISCHER. IN ADDITION, KIEP WILL ALSO TALK WITH
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SED CC GERMAN EXPERT HAEBER AND MFA FRG SECTION CHIEF
SEIDEL AT DINNER MAY 19 HOSTED BY PERMREP CHIEF GAUS.

2. KIEP'S VISIT WILL APPARENTLY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY
FOR EAST GERMANS TO GET CDU VIEWS FIRST HAND ON
FORTHCOMING INNER-GERMAN SOUNDINGS/NEGOTIATIONS.
IT WILL ALSO GIVE EAST GERMANS OPPORTUNITY TO GET

CDU VIEWS ON LANG-RAGE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
IN FRG. BRAUTIGAM FEELS EAST GERMANS WILL WISH IN
SOME WAY TO PUBLICIZE VISIT AND PART OF HIS PURPOSE
IN INFORMING US WAS TO STRESS THAT ONE SHOULD NOT
OVEREMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF VISIT.

3. ON THE FORTHCOMING FRG/GDR SOUNDINGS, GAUS
MENTIONED TO US MAY 17 THAT INITIAL SOUNDINGS COULD
TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK, ALTHOUGH NO FIRM DATES HAVE BEEN
SET. HE EXPECTS ONE OR TWO WISHCNEWSKI-KOHL LEVEL
MEETINGS BEFORE HE GETS INTO THE ACT, WHICH HE JUDGES
COULD BE IN MID-JUNE. HE BELIEVES THE MORE THAT CAN
BE DONE BEFORE BELGRADE THE BETTER, FROM THE FRG'S
STANDPOINT. POLANSKY

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